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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, GV, NI

SUBJECT: NIGERIA AND GUINEA-BISSAU

REFERENCE : ADDISABABA 2734

1. IN COURSE GENERAL DISCUSSION FUTURE OF GUINEA-BISSAU, DIRECTOR MEA AFRICA DEPARTMENT OGUNSULIRE REITERATED TO EMBOFF MARCH 15 THAT FMG HAS NO DESIRE OR INTENTION BECOME INVOLVED MILITARILY IN GUINEA-BISSAU. OGUNSULIRE ARGUED THAT NIGERIAN ARMED FORCES TOTALLY UNPREPARED FOR OPERATIONS BEYOND COUNTRY'S BORDERS, AND THAT INITIAL COMMITMENT OF SMALL FORCE CERTAIN TO BECOME OPEN-ENDED INVOLVEMENT WHICH FMG DOES NOT WANT.

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2. COMMENT: OGUNSULIRE REMARKS, UNRELATED TO REFTTEL REPORT,

REAFFIRM LONG-STATED OFFICIAL FMG POSITION THAT LIBERATION  
MOVEMENTS SHOULD FREE THEIR OWN TERRITORIES WITH ONLY FINANCIAL  
AND MATERIAL ASSISTANCE FROM OUTSIDE. SINCE PAIGC DECLARATION  
OF INDEPENDENCE TECHNICALLY FULFILLED GOWON'S PLEDGE THAT  
ONE TERRITORY WOULD BE "LIBERATED" WITHIN THREE YEARS AFTER  
1970, FMG UNDER NO PRESSURE COME MILITARILY TO AID OF  
GUINEA-BISSAU IN ORDER ACHIEVE THIS OBJECTIVE. NEVERTHELESS,  
WE WILL KEEP EYES AND EARS OPEN FOR ADDITIONAL STRAWS IN  
WIND EVEN THOUGH THERE NO PRESENT EVIDENCE HERE THAT  
NIGERIANS HAVE ANY INTENTION OF DEVIATING FROM THEIR  
TRADITIONAL STANCE.  
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